To ensure effectual supervision he may be given an Assistant.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 23. Elementary Education.

Summary of discussion.—Better provision may be made for free and compulsory elementary education. The usual school hours are inconvenient for raiyats and the poorer classes; hence night schools should be established on a large scale; also night Industrial Schools.

Mr. C. Sreenivasa Rao of Chikmagalur opposed the proposal for the enforcement by Government of compulsory education, which is a matter to be left to popular opinion.

Reply of Government.—It is too early yet to make Education compulsory by Legislation. Equally premature is the suggestion to have Industrial schools in villages and Taluks. Education is free in Hobli Schools and the fee levied in Taluk Schools is almost nominal. The Government is doing as much as possible for the promotion and expansion of elementary education; liberal grants-in-aid are made to night schools established for day-labourers.

Subject No. 24. Establishment of Sanskrit Schools.

Summary of discussion.—There should at least be two Patasalas in each Taluk for imparting instruction in Sanskrit.

Reply of Government.—In 100 Schools, Sanskrit is taught along with other languages, and there are also forty purely Sanskrit Schools. More cannot be done at presen.

Public Works Department.

Subject No. 25 Railway to Chikmagalur and on to French-Rocks.

Summary of discussion.—A Railway line may be opened from Kadur to Chikmagalur and thence to French Rocks *viâ* Hassan. It may also be extended to Mangalore.

Reply of Government.—Referred to D. P. W. for consideration.

Subject No 26. Light Railways in the Malnad.

Summary of discussion.—Light Railways may be opened in the Malnad parts.

Reply of Government.—Referred to D. P. W. for consideration.

Subject No. 27. Tank maintenance in the Malnad.

Summary of discussion.—As prayed for in previous years, the restoration of small irrigation works in the Malnad may be undertaken by Government.

Mr. Kesavadasiengar of Belur Taluk represented that the raiyat's obligation to do earth work in the malnad may be limited to tanks with an achkat of Rs. 100 and under the present limit of Rs. 300 being too high.

Reply of Government.—The subject is under consideration.

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Summary of discussion —Minor tanks may be repaired at Government cost without the levy of contribution in labour or money from the raiyats for earth work, &c. The pairs of both major and minor tanks may be made over the D. P. W.